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SUBJECT: LEONE VISIT

REF: ROME 11641

1. WE ARE PRESENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING ISSUES/
TALKING POINTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE LEONE VISIT.
IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY'S
SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE VISIT,
TOGETHER WITH SPECIFIC POINTS WE SHOULD MAKE WITH THE
ITALIANS.

2. WE ARE IN THE PRELIMINARY STAGES OF PLANNING AND THE
COMPLETE SCHEDULE REMAINS TO BE WORKED OUT FOR THE VISIT.
HOWEVER, THE WASHINGTON PORTION OF THE LEONE VISIT, WHILE
STILL TENTATIVE, WILL BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
SEPTEMBER 25 - ARRIVAL AT THE WHITE HOUSE, MEETING WITH
THE PRESIDENT, AND A WHITE HOUSE (BLACK TIE) DINNER IN
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HONOR OF LEONE. SEPTEMBER 26 - THIS MAY INCLUDE RETURN

HOSPITALITY HOSTED BY ITALIANS, BUT PRESIDENT'S PREFERENCES CONCERNING ATTENDANCE AT RETURN SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. SEPTEMBER 27 - MORNING DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON FOR REMAINDER OF VISIT TO THE US.

(A) ITALIAN WISHES REGARDING ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON AND THE REMAINDER OF THE VISIT; (B) ISSUES ITALIANS MAY WISH TO RAISE DURING THE VISIT; (C) LIST OF MEMBERS IN ITALIAN PARTY; (D) SUGGESTIONS FOR GIFTS FOR PRESIDENT AND MRS. LEONE.

4. USG WILL BE GUIDED BY ITALIAN DESIDERATA RE POINT OF ARRIVAL SEPTEMBER 24 BUT AT SAME TIME WILLIAMSBURG HAS ADVANTAGES AS REST STOP BEFORE COMING TO WASHINGTON, GIVEN EXISTING FACILITIES THERE AND FACT THAT IN EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER TRIP TO WASHINGTON CAN BE MADE FAIRLY EASILY BY CAR.

5. IN VIEW OF TIGHT SCHEDULING AND EARLY DEADLINES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE ABOVE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE TO GOI THAT OFFICIAL PARTY IS LIMITED TO TWELVE MEMBERS (INCLUDING AMBASSADOR AND MRS. ORTONA). FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, DURATION OF STATE VISIT IS SIX DAYS WITH ONE ADDITIONAL DAY FOR REST, PRECEDING THE OFFICIAL START OF THE VISIT. KISSINGER

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